

County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
CalFresh Program Guide

Utility Allowances LUA and TUA

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Background:

As a result of implementation of the State Utility Assistance Subsidy (SUAS) program, the Limited Utility Allowance (LUA) and the Telephone Utility Allowance (TUA) are no longer used in the determination of CalFresh allotments.

Policy:

63-237.1 Definition

The LUA and TUA are used **only** when calculating if the combined rent/mortgage and utilities costs are more than income/resources to determine entitlement to Expedited Services. See [63-105.1](#).

Households are entitled to Expedited Services when the combined actual monthly gross income and liquid resources are less than the household's actual monthly rent or mortgage plus the amount of the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA), LUA or TUA:

- The SUA if actually paying for utilities for heating or cooling; or
- The LUA if actually paying for two utilities (but not for heating or cooling); or
- The TUA if actually paying for telephone services (and not eligible to the SUA or LUA).

Once the case is approved, determine if the household is eligible for the SUAS payment. See [63-236.6](#).

Refer to [63-1102.1](#) for the current LUA and TUA allowance amounts.

Impact/s:

No impacts.

Program Affected

No other programs affected.

References:

- [All County Letter 14-66](#)
- [MPP 63-502.363](#)

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This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 11/06/2017